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Title: VENEER TAPE AND METHOD OF USE

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed June 18, 2002, in the above-identified application. This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. If any extension of time is required to consider this response, such extension is hereby requested.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 24 as follows:

24. (Amended) The veneer assembly of claim 23, wherein said layer of adhesive is bonded to said first and second pieces of veneer with a first adhesive strength, wherein said layer of adhesive is bonded to the second major surface of said backing with a second adhesive strength, wherein the layer of adhesive includes a cohesive strength, and wherein after bonding said veneer assembly to a substrate with an application of either:

- i) 100 psi for 45 minutes at 68°F; or
- ii) 75 psi for 1 minute at 250°F,
- a) said cohesive strength is greater than said second adhesive strength; and
- b) said first adhesive strength is greater than said second adhesive strength.